

## Activity Summary

### Activity: External Administrative Costs

Program Components	2002 Enacted	FY 2003			Change From 2002 (+/-)
		Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Employee Compensation Payments	17,566	+181	0	17,747	+181
Unemployment Compensation Payments	10,777	+906	0	11,683	+906
External ADP Charges	4,087	0	0	4,087	0
Printing	604	0	0	604	0
Telecommunications	9,866	0	0	9,866	0
Postage	4,916	0	0	4,916	0
GSA Space Rental	42,750	+1,050	0	43,800	+1,050
Drug-Free Workplace	316	0	0	316	0
Departmental Program Charges	14,466	+751	0	15,217	+751
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>105,348</b>	<b>+2,888</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>108,236</b>	<b>+2,888</b>

### Authorization

16 U.S.C. 1 The National Park Service Organic Act  
 5 U.S.C. 8509 Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1980 (Federal Employees Compensation Account)

### Overview

The **External Administrative Costs** activity includes funding support necessary to provide and maintain services that represent key administrative support functions whose costs are largely determined by organizations outside the National Park Service and whose funding requirements are therefore less flexible. The requirements for these services are mandated in accordance with applicable laws; to promote efficient performance of the National Park Service, they are most effectively managed on a centralized basis.

### Mission Goals Applicable to this Subactivity

- Ia** Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.
- Ila** Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities.
- Ilb** Park visitors and the general public understand and appreciate the preservation of parks and their resources for this and future generations.
- Illa** Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs.
- IVa** The National Park Service uses current management practices, systems, and technologies to accomplish its mission.

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**FY 2002 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments**

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**Employee Compensation Payments****Enacted: \$ 17.566 million**

Funding allows for financial compensation to National Park Service employees in the event of a job-related injury. The National Park Service makes payments to the Employees' Compensation Fund at the Employment Standards Administration within the Department of Labor to cover the cost of compensation claims awarded to Service employees during the previous fiscal year. The increase reflects the adjusted estimate for 2003.

**Proposed FY 2003: \$17.747 million****Change: + 0.181 million****Unemployment Compensation Payments****Enacted: \$ 10.777 million**

Funding provides unemployment compensation to qualifying former personnel as prescribed under the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1980, which requires that all unemployment benefits paid to former Federal employees, based on Federal service performed after December 31, 1980, be reimbursed to the Federal Employees' Compensation account of the unemployment trust fund by each Federal agency. The Department has distributed the total cost among affected bureaus on the basis of total separations; at this time, billing information is not available at the bureau level. The level of separations for the National Park Service is the highest of the Department because of the large number of seasonal staff. The FY 2003 request includes an increase that reflects the estimated NPS share of unemployment compensation payments.

**Proposed FY 2003: \$11.683 million****Change: + 0.906 million****External ADP Charges****Enacted: \$ 4.087 million**

Funding provides for online charges billed to the NPS from other agencies such as the U.S. Geological Survey and the Bureau of Reclamation to operate Servicewide ADP systems including portions of the Federal Financial System (FFS) a portion of which serves as the Servicewide property database, and the Federal Payroll/Personnel System (FPPS). Another major ADP component is the NPS Website, ParkNet. FY 2003 funding needs are unchanged from FY 2002.

**Proposed FY 2003: \$4.087 million****Change: No Change****Printing****Enacted: \$ 0.604 million**

Funding covers the costs of printing associated with the Government Printing Office (GPO) and the Departmental printing plant. FY 2003 funding needs are unchanged from FY 2002.

**Proposed FY 2003: \$0.604 million****Change: No Change****Telecommunications****Enacted: \$ 9.866 million**

Funding provides Servicewide data network service, Internet service, and telephone service through the Federal Telecommunication System (FTS) network and commercial telephone costs. The costs of these services are dictated by rates established by GSA and the telecommunications companies. This program supports critical mission related activities in every park and is vital in ensuring the NPS maintains the ability to effectively communicate with external partners and over 150 million annual "visits" on the NPS Website. FY 2003 base funding needs are unchanged from FY 2002.

**Proposed FY 2003: \$9.866 million****Change: No Change**

**Postage****Enacted: \$ 4.916 million**

Funding provides Servicewide postage needs. Postage metering is managed through a central contract that provides services nationwide. FY 2003 funding needs are unchanged from FY 2002.

**Proposed FY 2003: \$4.916 million****Change: No Change****GSA Space Rental****Enacted: \$ 42.750 million**

Funds provide the office space and related services leased through the General Services Administration (GSA) by National Park Service park units and administration. In addition to general office space, leases include storage, food service, conference, training, and light industrial facilities and parking space where necessary. Rental space includes Federally-owned buildings operated by the GSA and buildings owned in the private sector which the GSA leases and makes available for public use. The standard level user charges paid by the Service are determined by the GSA and billed on a quarterly basis. The adjustment for 2003 reflects changes in rates as estimated by GSA.

**Proposed FY 2003: \$43.800 million****Change: + 1.050 million****Drug-Free Workplace****Enacted: \$ 0.316 million**

Funds the Park Service share of the costs of the Department's Drug Free Workplace program to foster a drug-free workplace. FY 2003 funding needs are unchanged from FY 2002.

**Proposed FY 2003: \$0.316 million****Change: No Change****Departmental Program Charges****Enacted: \$ 14.466 million**

Funds the Park Service contribution to the costs of Departmentwide programs and activities such as the Departmental library, audits and inspections, the Federal Information Centers, and spectrum management. This includes costs associated with the support of the Federal Personnel/Payroll System (FPPS), the Interior Department Electronic Acquisition System (IDEAS), and portions of the Federal Financial System (FFS). The FY 2003 request reflects expected changes in the charges for Departmental services, including the NPS contribution to development of DOI Enterprise Architecture.

**Proposed FY 2003: \$15.217 million****Change: + 0.751 million**